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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: KYLE HANSON ET AL.  
APPLICATION No.: 09/836,844  
FILED: April 27, 2001  
FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
EXECUTING PLURAL PROCESSES ON A  
MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECE AT A  
SINGLE PROCESSING STATION

EXAMINER: BRIAN L.  
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ART UNIT: 1753  
CONF No: 6731

**Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance**

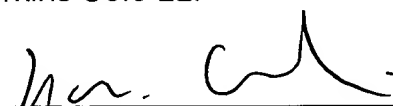
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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed October 5, 2004, the Examiner allowed claims 1-8, 10-18, 20-28, 31-35, 47-54 and 56-63. Although the applicant's attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicant's attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

Respectfully submitted,  
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